

City and County of Honolulu  
Department of the Medical Examiner

Annual Statistical Report  
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January 2021

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**Total death notification**

|                               |       |       |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Cases accepted                | 1,196 |       |
| Cases declined                | 1,952 |       |
| Total death case notification |       | 3,148 |

**Death scenes investigated** 604

**Bodies transported to the morgue**

|   |       |       |
|---|-------|-------|
| Jurisdiction cases body transported to the morgue | 1,024 |       |
| Storage cases (non-jurisdiction cases)            | 43    |       |
| Total bodies transported to the morgue            |       | 1,067 |

**Manner of death**

|                      |     |       |
|----------------------|-----|-------|
| Natural              | 476 |       |
| Accident             | 493 |       |
| Suicide              | 129 |       |
| Homicide             | 45  |       |
| Undetermined         | 34  |       |
| Pending              | 19  |       |
| Total cases accepted |     | 1,196 |

**Types of procedures**

|                        |     |       |
|------------------------|-----|-------|
| Autopsy                | 489 |       |
| External examinations  | 543 |       |
| Medical records review | 164 |       |
| Total procedures       |     | 1,196 |

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**Histology**

|                               |     |
|-------------------------------|-----|
| Cases where histology ordered | 210 |
|-------------------------------|-----|

**Toxicology**

|                                 |     |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| Cases where histology performed | 991 |
|---------------------------------|-----|

**Unclaimed remains**

|   |    |
|---|----|
| State-assisted cremation for jurisdiction cases | 95 |
|---|----|

|   |    |
|---|----|
| State-assisted cremation for non-jurisdiction cases | 29 |
|---|----|

|                        |     |
|------------------------|-----|
| Total unclaimed bodies | 124 |
|------------------------|-----|

|                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| <b>Unidentified remains</b> | 1 |
|-----------------------------|---|

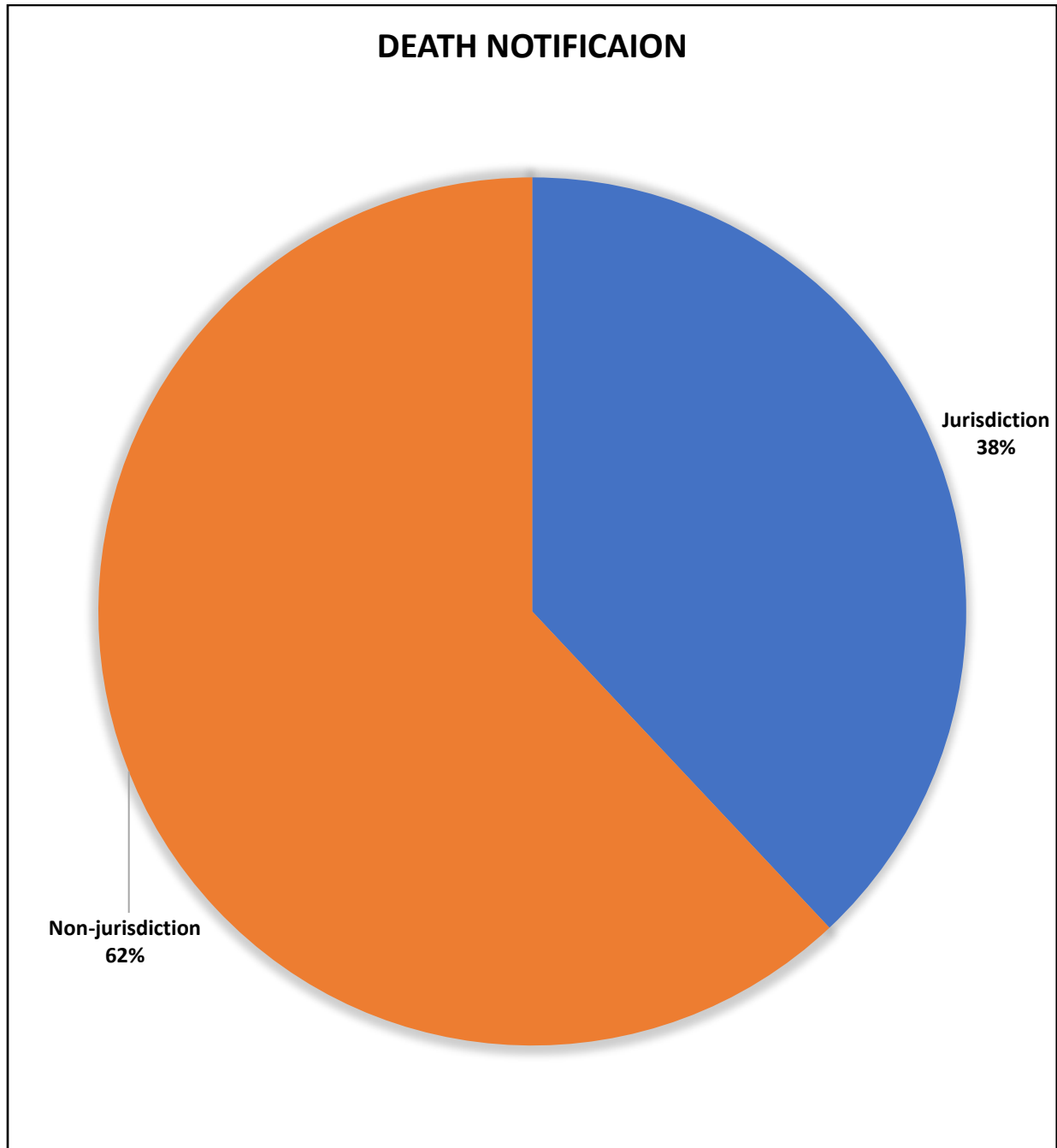
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|-----------------------------------|----|
| <b>Organ and tissue donations</b> | 51 |
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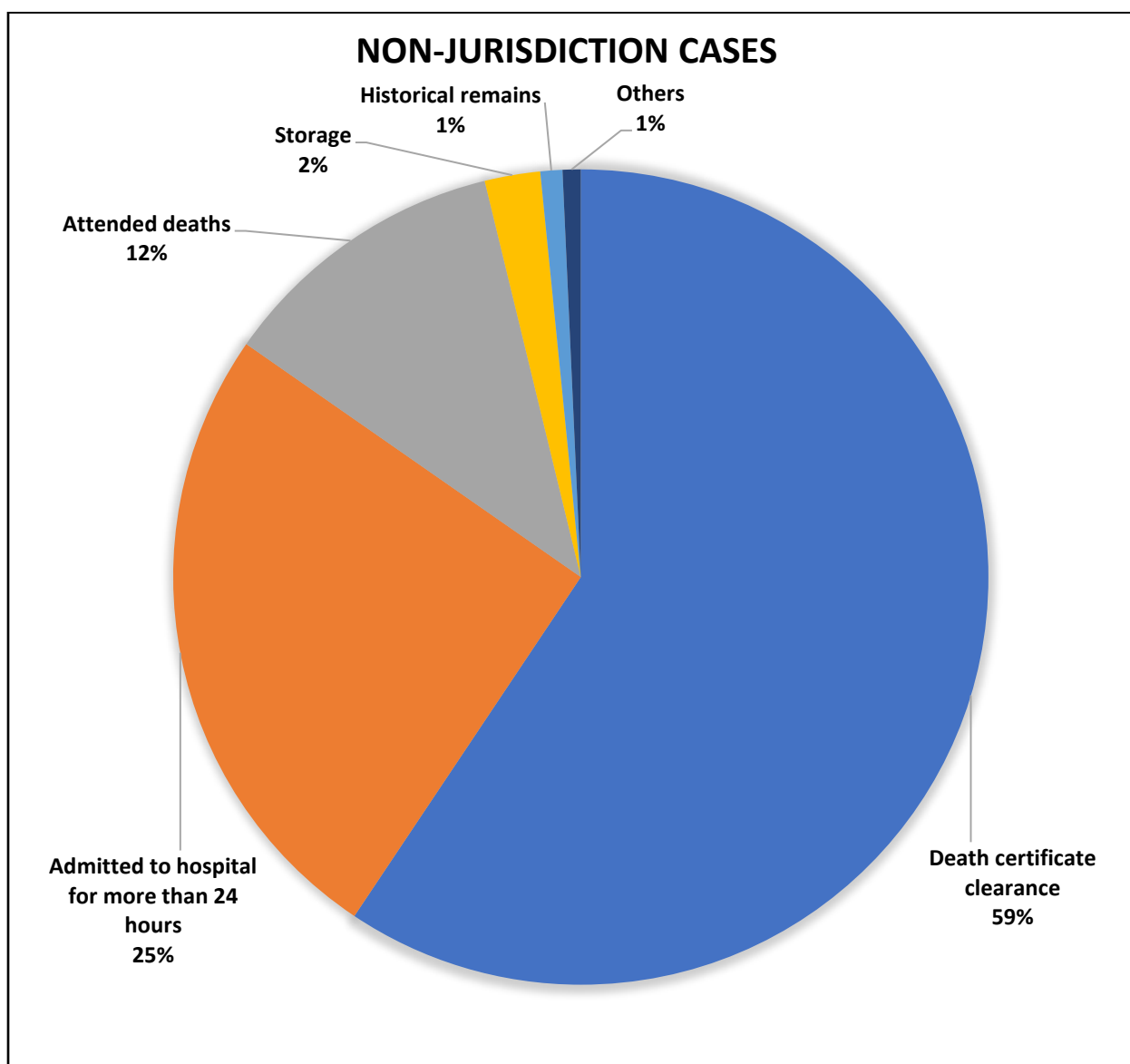
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|---------------------------|-------|
| Jurisdiction              | 1,196 |
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**Non-jurisdiction cases**

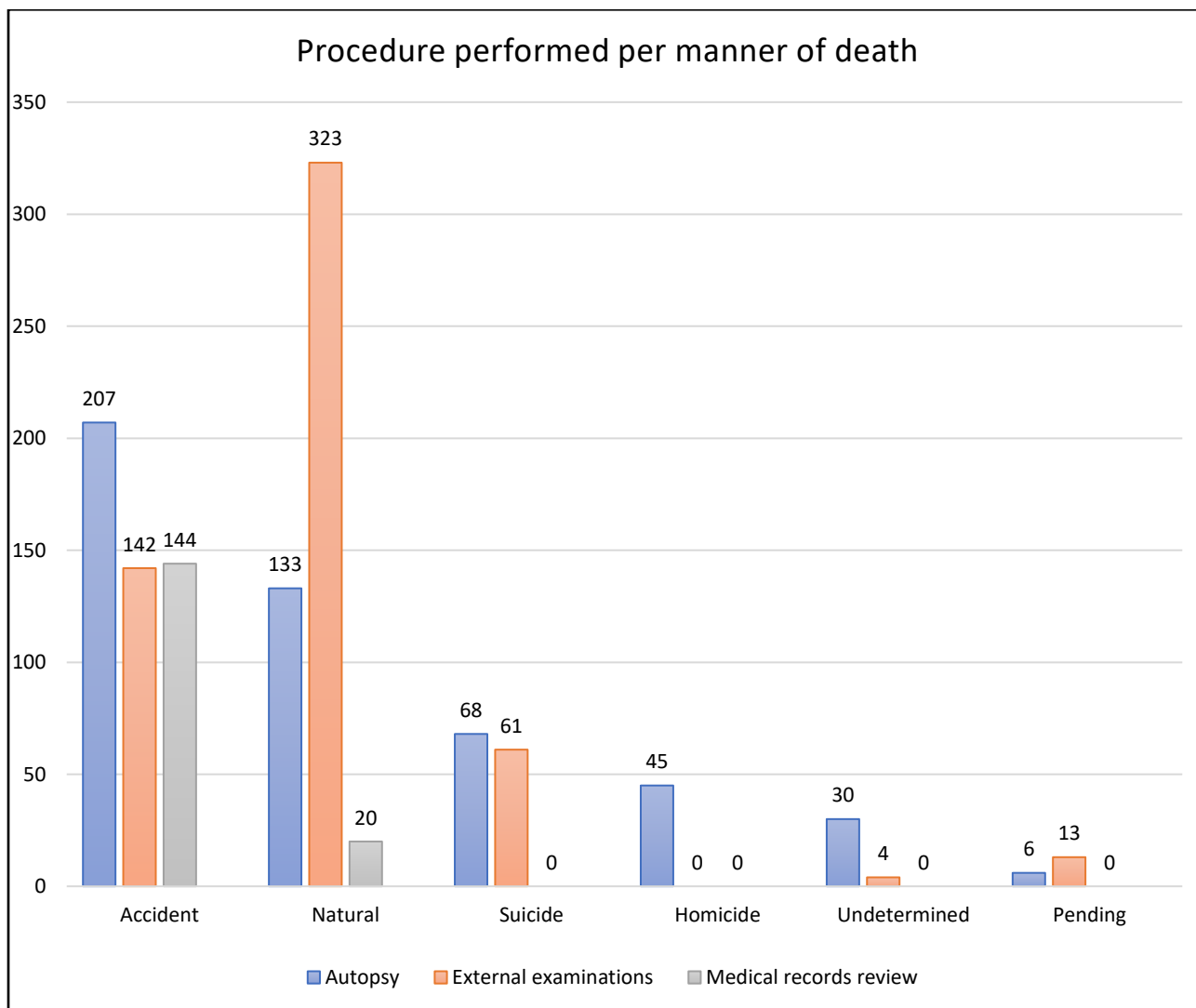
| Non-jurisdiction cases                      | Cases | Total |
|---|-------|-------|
| Death certificate clearance                 | 1,159 |       |
| Admitted to hospital for more than 24 hours | 494   |       |
| Attended deaths                             | 225   |       |
| Storage                                     | 43    |       |
| Historical remains                          | 17    |       |
| Others                                      | 14    |       |
| Total non-jurisdiction cases                |       | 1,952 |



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**Procedure performed per manner of death**

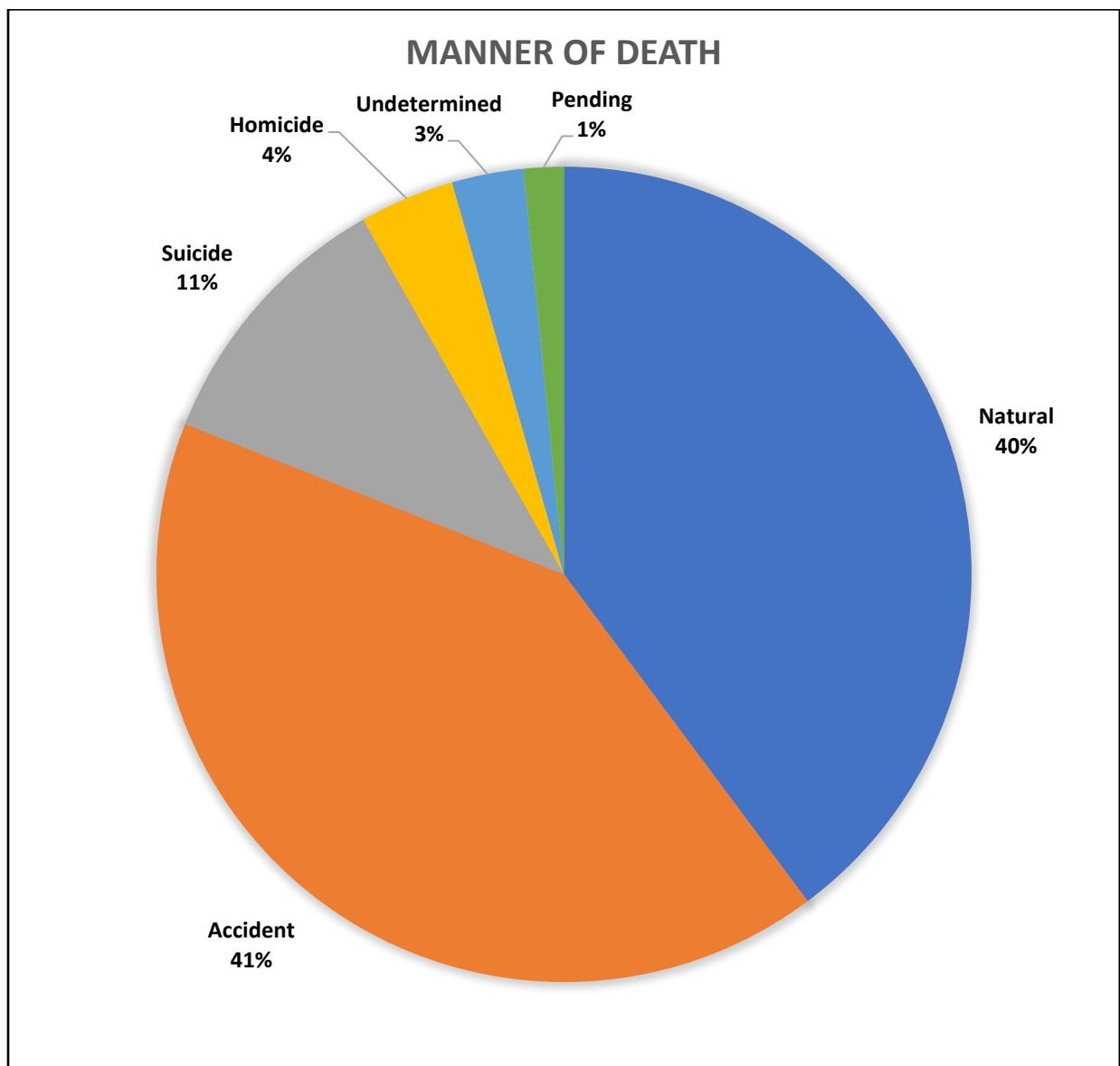
| Manner of death            | Autopsy | External examinations | Medical records review | Total |
|----------------------------|---------|-----------------------|------------------------|-------|
| Accident                   | 207     | 142                   | 144                    | 493   |
| Natural                    | 133     | 323                   | 20                     | 476   |
| Suicide                    | 68      | 61                    | 0                      | 129   |
| Homicide                   | 45      | 0                     | 0                      | 45    |
| Undetermined               | 30      | 4                     | 0                      | 34    |
| Pending                    | 6       | 13                    | 0                      | 19    |
| Total jurisdictional cases | 489     | 543                   | 164                    | 1,196 |



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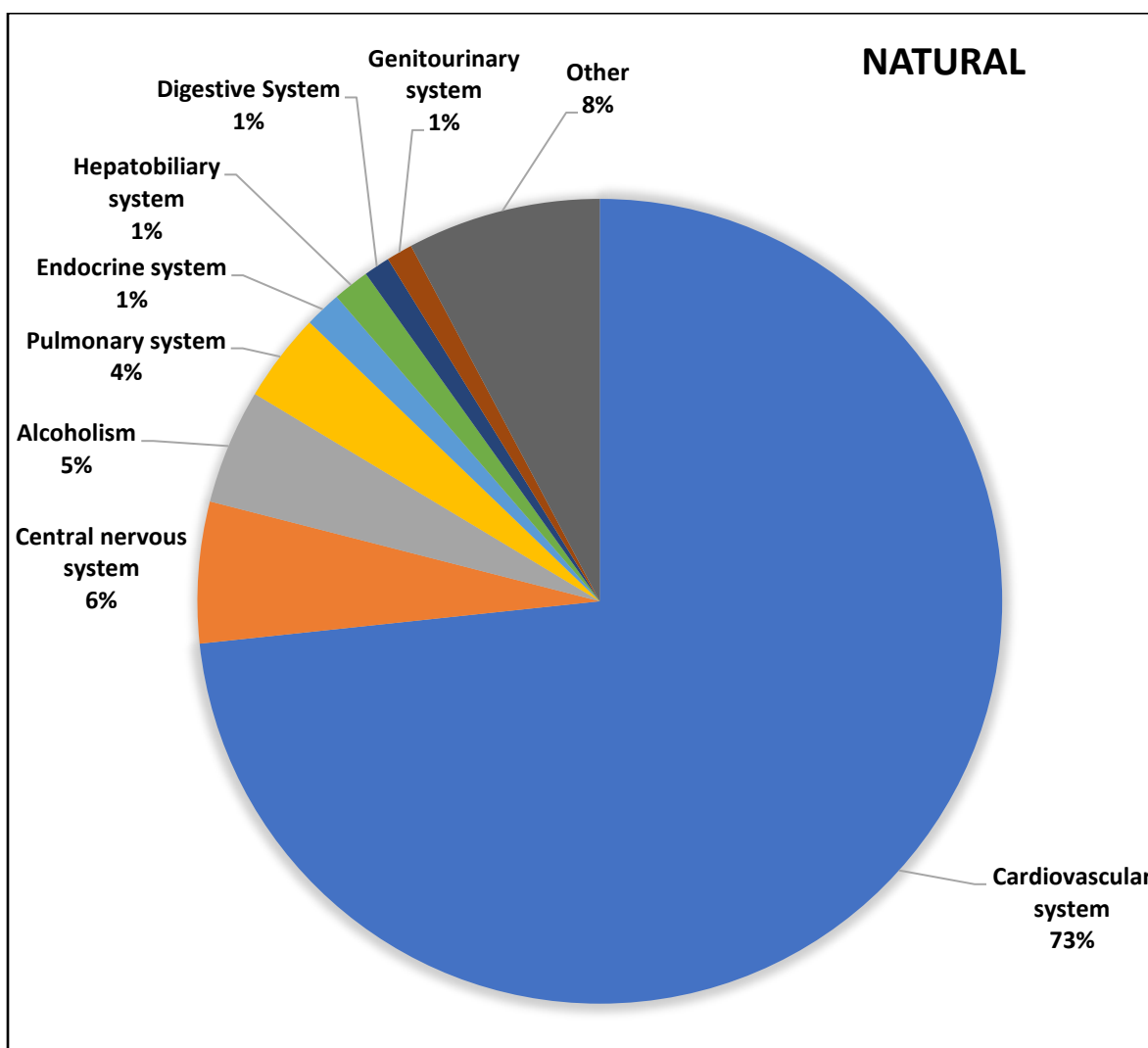
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**Natural**

| Manner of death category | Cases |
|--------------------------|-------|
| Cardiovascular system    | 349   |
| Central nervous system   | 27    |
| Alcoholism               | 22    |
| Pulmonary system         | 17    |
| Endocrine system         | 7     |
| Hepatobiliary system     | 7     |
| Digestive System         | 5     |
| Genitourinary system     | 5     |
| Other                    | 37    |
| Total cases              | 476   |

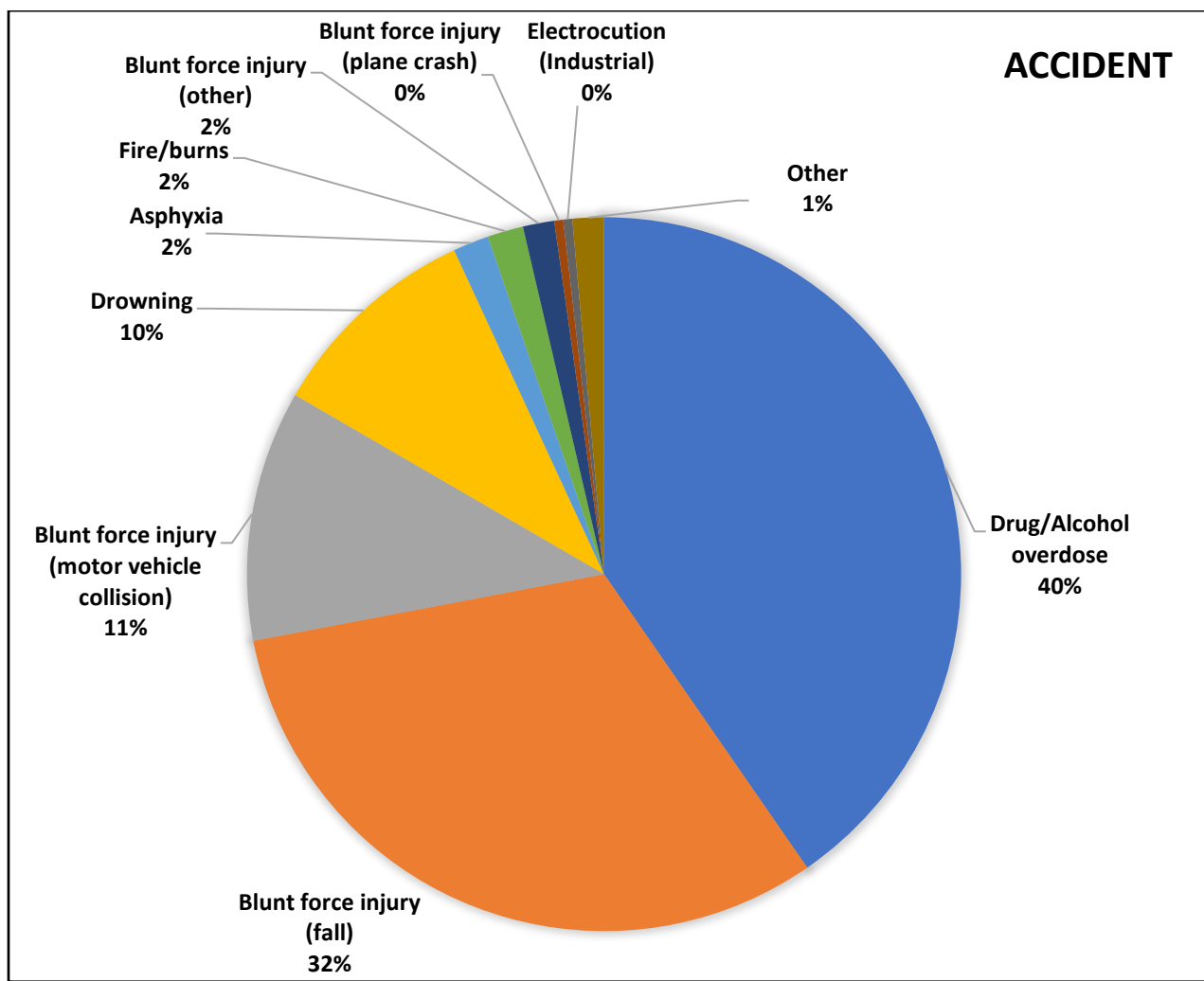




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### Accident

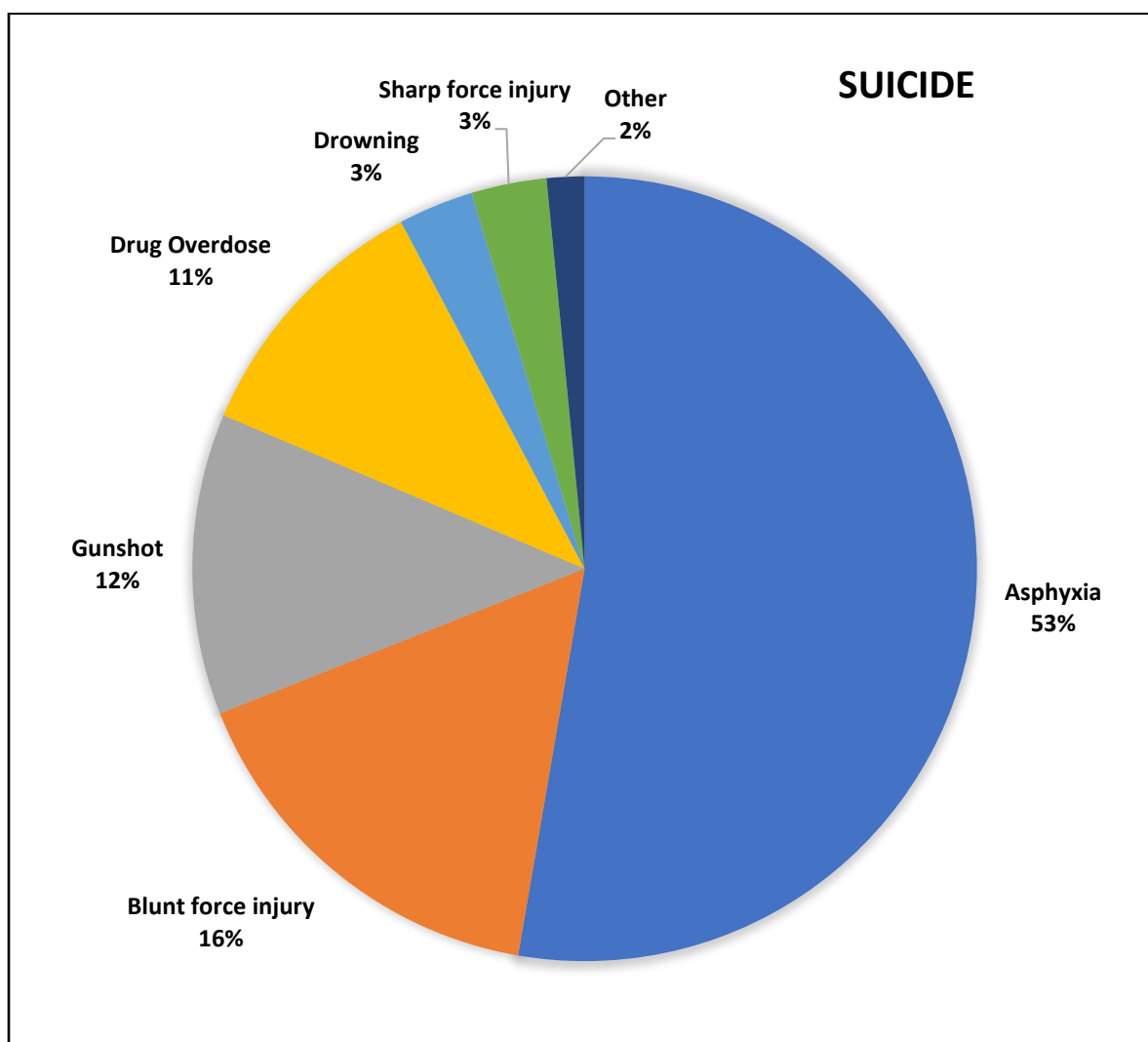
| Manner of death category                       | Cases |
|--|-------|
| Drug/Alcohol overdose                          | 199   |
| Blunt force injury (fall)                      | 156   |
| Blunt force injury (motor vehicle collision)   | 56    |
| Drowning                                       | 48    |
| Asphyxia                                       | 8     |
| Fire/burns (including one industrial accident) | 8     |
| Blunt force injury (other)                     | 7     |
| Blunt force injury (plane crash)               | 2     |
| Electrocution (Industrial)                     | 2     |
| Other  | 7     |
| Total cases                                    | 493   |



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### Suicide

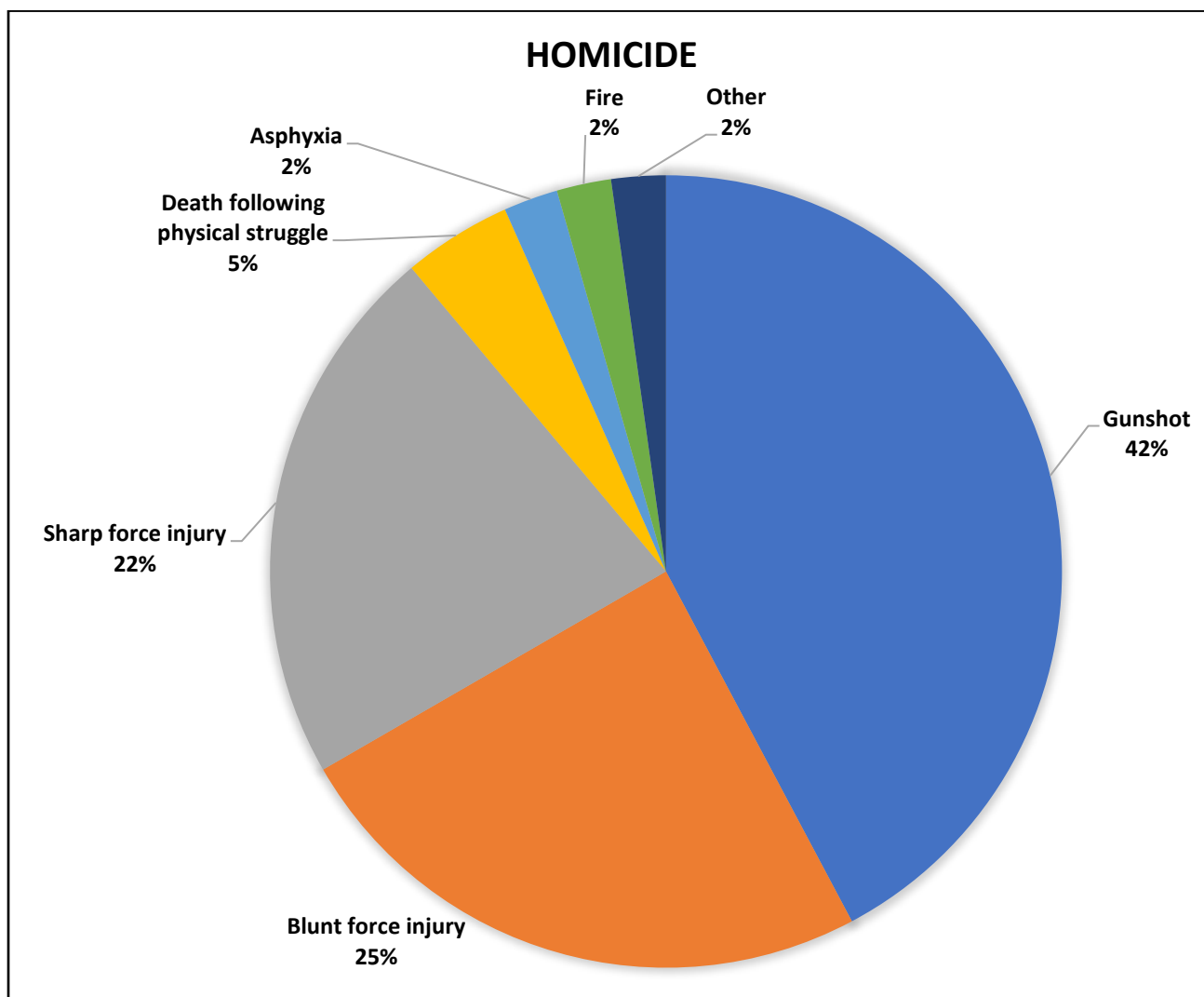
| Manner of death category | Cases |
|--------------------------|-------|
| Asphyxia                 | 68    |
| Blunt force injury       | 21    |
| Gunshot                  | 16    |
| Drug Overdose            | 14    |
| Drowning                 | 4     |
| Sharp force injury       | 4     |
| Other                    | 2     |
| Total cases              | 129   |



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### Homicide

| Manner of death category          | Cases |
|-----------------------------------|-------|
| Gunshot                           | 19    |
| Blunt force injury                | 11    |
| Sharp force injury                | 10    |
| Death following physical struggle | 2     |
| Asphyxia                          | 1     |
| Fire                              | 1     |
| Other                             | 1     |
| Total cases                       | 45    |



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**Undetermined**

| Manner of death category       | Cases |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| Undetermined                   | 15    |
| Drug/poisoning                 | 7     |
| Unexplained infant/child death | 7     |
| Drowning                       | 3     |
| Blunt force injury             | 2     |
| Total cases                    | 34    |

